

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-34 in the application. In a previous response, the Applicants amended Claim 29 to provide the correct antecedent basis.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that original dependent Claims 5 and 22 included allowable subject matter. In order to expedite issuance of the present application, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 18 with allowable subject matter to place Claims 1 and 18 and Claims dependent thereon in a condition for allowance. Additionally, the Applicants have canceled Claims 3, 5, 12-17, 20, 22 and 29-34 without prejudice or disclaimer and have amended Claims 9, 25 and 26 to correct informalities and provide the proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 18-19, 21 and 23-28 are currently pending in the application.

#### **I. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-11, 18-21 and 23-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-11, 18-21 and 23-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,467,401 to Nagamitsu, *et al.* The Applicants, however, have amended independent Claims 1 and 12 with allowable subject matter to place these Claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of pending Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 18-19, 21 and 23-28 and allow issuance thereof.

#### **II. Rejection of Claims 5 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner rejected Claims 5 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagamitsu in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,574,466 to Reed, *et al.* This rejection, however, is

now moot since dependent Claims 5 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this §103(a) rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

**III. Rejection of Claims 12-17 and 29-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner rejected Claims 12-17 and 29-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagamitsu in view of Reed. This rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 12-17 and 29-34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this §103(a) rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 18-19, 21 and 23-28.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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